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FAO COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES, ROME, MARCH 3-5, 1976

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1. ALTHOUGH COMPOSITION OF WORKING PARTY AS DECIDED BY  
BULA HOYOS APPEARS BETTER THAN EARLIER EXPECTED, IT STILL  
SEEMS LIKELY LDC'S AND INDEPENDENT CHAIRMAN WILL HAVE  
OPPORTUNITY WHITTLE AWAY AT FEW STRENGTHS WHICH MAJOR  
DONORS STILL HAVE IN STEADILY INCREASING BUT STILL RELA-  
TIVELY SMALL COUNCIL AND THE FAIRLY EFFECTIVE COUNCIL  
COMMITTEES.

2. BULA HOYOS VIEWS (REF B) THAT ALL COMMITTEES REQUIRE  
REVIEW ADDS TO OUR CONCERN THAT HE MAY CONTEMPLATE FAIRLY  
LONG-RUNNING SIDESHOW IN WHICH HE AND SOME OF HIS  
NOMINEES, IN PARTICULAR MEXICO, GUINEA AND ALGERIA, WILL  
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PREPARE WORKING PARTY RECOMMENDATIONS WE WILL BE UNABLE

ACCEPT IN COUNCIL.

3. CANADIANS SHARE VIEW WE EARLIER COMMUNICATED TO BULA HOYOS TO EFFECT THAT WORKING PARTY SHOULD INCLUDE EQUAL REPRESENTATION FROM TRADITIONAL FAO REGIONS. THEY ALSO FEEL GOVERNMENTS SHOULD CONSIDER SUBJECT MATTER FOR EACH PARTICULAR SESSION WHEN DESIGNATING REPRESENTATIVES TO SESSIONS CALLED BY THE INDEPENDENT CHAIRMAN. IN GENERAL WE AGREE WITH CANADA THAT ROME PERMREPS MIGHT NOT BE ADVISABLE AS REPRESENTATIVES FOR ALL SESSIONS.

4. MORE STRUCTURED MEETINGS IN WHICH BULA HOYOS HAS TO WORRY ABOUT AGENDAS, EARLY CIRCULATION OF WORKING PAPERS, ETC. MIGHT HAVE DAMAGE-LIMITING EFFECT, RESULT IN FEWER MEETINGS, AND PRODUCE MORE REASONABLE OUTCOME.

5. FOR STARTERS, SUGGEST YOU TELL BULA HOYOS WE WILL CONSULT OUR OTHER REGIONAL MEMBERS AND CONSIDER WORKING PARTY PARTICIPATION, THAT WE WILL STUDY DOCUMENTATION BEING FORWARDED, THAT WE THINK MOST COUNTRIES HE HAS SELECTED WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY OBTAINING CONSTITUENTS VIEWS PRIOR TO MARCH 3 AND THAT POSTPONEMENT MIGHT BE ADVISABLE.

6. YOU MIGHT ALSO INQUIRE WHETHER BULA HOYOS HAS CONSIDERED ASKING ALL MEMBERS TO SUBMIT WRITTEN VIEWS WHICH WORKING PARTY MIGHT THEN REVIEW IN ONE, OR PERHAPS TWO, FORMAL SESSIONS. OBJECT WOULD BE TO INJECT GREATER THINKING OF CAPITOLS INTO DELIBERATIONS AND LIMIT NUMBER OF SESSIONS IN WHICH FOUR DC'S CHOSEN BY BULA HOYOS WILL HAVE TO FEND OFF TEN LDC'S AND WHAT WE SUSPECT WILL BE SOMEWHAT LESS THAN "INDEPENDENT" CHAIRMAN.

7. WOULD APPRECIATE GENEVA GROUP VIEWS ON BULA HOYOS ACTIONS. INGERSOLL

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